

health professions and minority and disadvantaged health education programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1194. An Act to promote the research, identification, assessment, and exploration of marine mineral resources, and for other purposes.

S. 1649. An Act to extend contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation districts in Kansas and Nebraska, and for other purposes.

S. 1711. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the benefits programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to provide for a study of the Federal programs for veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 1874. An Act to amend sections of the Department of Energy Organization Act that are obsolete or inconsistent with other statutes and to repeal a related section of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974.

#### ¶117.73 VA SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITY BENEFITS

On motion of Mr. STUMP, by unanimous consent, the bill (H.R. 3458) to increase, effective as of December 1, 1996, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans; together with the following amendments of the Senate thereto, was taken from the Speaker's table:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1996".

#### SEC. 2. INCREASE IN COMPENSATION RATES AND LIMITATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, as provided in paragraph (2), increase, effective December 1, 1996, the rates of and limitations on Department of Veterans Affairs disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation.

(2) The Secretary shall increase each of the rates and limitations in sections 1114, 1115(1), 1162, 1311, 1313, and 1314 of title 38, United States Code, that were increased by the amendments made by the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1995 (Public Law No. 104-57; 109 Stat. 555). This increase shall be made in such rates and limitations as in effect on November 30, 1996, and shall be by the same percentage that benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1, 1996, as a result of a determination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

(b) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust administratively, consistent with the increases made under subsection (a)(2), the rates of disability compensation payable to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public Law 85-857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.

(c) PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT.—At the same time as the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be published by reason of a determination made under section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 1996, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the rates and limitations referred to in subsection (a)(2) as increased under this section.

On motion of Mr. STUMP, said Senate amendments were agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said Senate amendments were agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

#### ¶117.74 CIVILIAN LIFE ADJUSTMENT FOR MILITARY

On motion of Mr. STUMP, by unanimous consent, the bill of the Senate (S. 1711) to establish a commission to evaluate the programs of the Federal Government that assist members of the Armed Forces and veterans in readjusting to civilian life, and for other purposes; was taken from the Speaker's table.

When said bill was considered, read twice, ordered to be read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

#### ¶117.75 DOD LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES' ASSISTANCE

On motion of Mr. STUMP, by unanimous consent, the Committee on National Security and the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities were discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4282) to amend the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993 to make a technical correction relating to the provision of Department of Defense Assistance to local educational agencies.

When said bill was considered, read twice, ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

#### ¶117.76 FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with an amendment a bill of the House of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

H.R. 3815. An Act to make technical corrections and miscellaneous amendments to trade laws.

#### ¶117.77 METHAMPHETAMINE PRODUCTION

On motion of Mr. McCOLLUM, by unanimous consent, bill of the Senate (S. 1965) to prevent the illegal manufacturing and use of methamphetamine; was taken from the Speaker's table.

When said bill was considered, read twice, ordered to be read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

*Ordered*, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

#### ¶117.78 PROPRIETARY ECONOMIC INFORMATION

On motion of Mr. McCOLLUM, by unanimous consent, the bill (H.R. 3723) to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect proprietary economic information, and for other purposes; together with the amendment of the Senate thereto, was taken from the Speaker's table.

On motion of Mr. McCOLLUM, said Senate amendment was agreed to with the following amendment:

In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate amendment to the text of the bill, insert the following:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Economic Espionage Act of 1996".

#### TITLE I—PROTECTION OF TRADE SECRETS

#### SEC. 101. PROTECTION OF TRADE SECRETS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after chapter 89 the following:

#### "CHAPTER 90—PROTECTION OF TRADE SECRETS

"Sec.

"1831. Economic espionage.

"1832. Theft of trade secrets.

"1833. Exceptions to prohibitions.

"1834. Criminal forfeiture.

"1835. Orders to preserve confidentiality.

"1836. Civil proceedings to enjoin violations.

"1837. Conduct outside the United States.

"1838. Construction with other laws.

"1839. Definitions.

#### "§ 1831. Economic espionage

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Whoever, intending or knowing that the offense will benefit any foreign government, foreign instrumentality, or foreign agent, knowingly—

"(1) steals, or without authorization appropriates, takes, carries away, or conceals, or by fraud, artifice, or deception obtains a trade secret;

"(2) without authorization copies, duplicates, sketches, draws, photographs, downloads, uploads, alters, destroys, photocopies, replicates, transmits, delivers, sends, mails, communicates, or conveys a trade secret;

"(3) receives, buys, or possesses a trade secret, knowing the same to have been stolen or appropriated, obtained, or converted without authorization;

"(4) attempts to commit any offense described in any of paragraphs (1) through (3); or

"(5) conspires with one or more other persons to commit any offense described in any of paragraphs (1) through (4), and one or more of such persons do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, shall, except as provided in subsection (b), be fined not more than \$500,000 or imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both.

"(b) ORGANIZATIONS.—Any organization that commits any offense described in subsection (a) shall be fined not more than \$10,000,000.

#### "§ 1832. Theft of trade secrets

"(a) Whoever, with intent to convert a trade secret, that is related to or included in a product that is produced for or placed in interstate or foreign commerce, to the economic benefit of anyone other than the owner thereof, and intending or knowing that the offense will, injure any owner of that trade secret, knowingly—

"(1) steals, or without authorization appropriates, takes, carries away, or conceals, or by fraud, artifice, or deception obtains such information;